

SENATE BILL 2137

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to teacher training.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5605(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) The department shall allow an extra year for an applicant to be administered the state teachers certification test and shall make special accommodation in administration of the tests provided for by this section under the following circumstances:

- (1) The applicant has been employed by an LEA for one (1) year or more;
- (2) The applicant has at least three (3) favorable recommendations from the local board and local director of schools;
- (3) The applicant has a handicapping condition, including dyslexia, that adversely affects the applicant's ability to successfully complete the test;
- (4) The applicant has previously been unsuccessful in achieving a passing score on the test; and
- (5) In previous testing, the applicant has demonstrated a probable likelihood of success in passing the test, given additional time, reading assistance, oral administration of or response to test questions or other reasonable measures that would not compromise validity of the test.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.